THE MORNING PRAYERS - Said during the Six Psalms

First Prayer

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord our God, who hast raised us up from our beds, and hast put into our mouths the word of praise that we may worship and call upon thy holy name. We pray, by thy compassion which thou hast always exercised in our life, send forth now also Thine aid upon those who stand before the presence of thy holy glory, and await the rich mercy which is from thee. And grant that they always with fear and love may adore, praise and hymn thee, and worship Thine indescribable goodness.

For to thee belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Second Prayer

By night our spirit riseth early unto thee, O our God, for Thine ordinances are a light upon the earth. Make us to understand the perfection of righteousness and holiness in thy fear. We glorify thee, O our God, who dost truly exist. Bow down Thine ear and hear us; remember by name, O Lord, all those that are with us and pray with us, and save them by thy power. Bless thy people and sanctify Thine inheritance. Give peace to thy world, to thy churches, to the priests, (to the authorities,) and to all thy people.

For blessed and glorified is Thine all-honorable and magnificent name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Third Prayer

By night our spirit riseth early unto thee, O God, for Thine ordinances are a light. Teach us, O God, thy righteousness, thy commandments, and thy statutes; enlighten the eyes of our intelligence that we may never fall asleep unto death in sin. Drive out all gloom from our hearts. Grant unto us the Sun of Righteousness, and keep our life unassailed by the seal of thy Holy Spirit. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Give us the morning. and the day in joy, that we may send up morning prayers unto thee.

For Thine is the strength, and Thine are the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Fourth Prayer

O Master, God, holy and unsearchable, who didst command the light to shine forth from the darkness; who hast given us rest in the sleep of the night, and hast raised us up to the glorification and supplication of thy goodness; we implore thy tenderheartedness, accept us also now who worship thee and give thanks unto thee according to our power; and grant us all our petitions which are unto salvation. Show us to be sons of the light and of the day, and heirs of Thine eternal good things. Remember, O Lord, in the multitude of thy compassions, all thy people who are present and who pray with us, and all our brethren on land and on the sea and in all places of thy dominion, who are in need of thy love toward man and of

thy help; and grant unto all thy great mercy, that, always remaining in safety of soul and body, we may with boldness glorify thy wondrous and blessed name.

For thou art the God of mercies, and of compassion, and of love of man, and to thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Fifth Prayer

O Treasury of good things, ever-flowing fountain, holy Father, wonderworker, all-powerful, almighty, we all worship thee and pray unto thee, calling thy mercies and compassion to the help and succor of our humility. Remember, O Lord, thy suppliants; accept the morning prayers of us all as incense before thee; and let not one of us be made unfit, but encompass us all with thy compassion. Remember, O Lord, those who watch and those who sing to thy glory, and to that of Thine only-begotten Son and our God, and of thy Holy Spirit. Be thou their helper and succor. Accept thou their supplications upon thy most heavenly and ideal altar.

For thou art our God, and unto thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Sixth Prayer

We thank Thee, O Lord God of our salvation, for thou doest all things for the welfare of our life, that we may always set our gaze upon thee, the Savior and Benefactor of our souls. For thou hast given us rest in that part of the

night which is past, and hast roused us up from our beds, and hast set us in the worship of Thine honorable name. Wherefore, we pray thee, O Lord, give us grace and power that we may be found worthy to sing unto thee with wisdom and pray unto thee unceasingly in fear and trembling, accomplishing our own salvation with the succor of thy Christ. Remember, O Lord, also those that cry out in the night unto thee, hear them, and have mercy. Crush under their feet invisible and warring enemies. For thou art the King of peace and the Savior of our souls, and unto thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Seventh Prayer

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast raised us from our beds, and hast gathered u s together at the hour of prayer, give us grace in the opening of our mouths, and accept the thanks that we give according to our ability, and teach us thy statutes. For we know not how to pray as we ought, if thou, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit, dost not lead us. Wherefore, we pray thee, remit, forgive, pardon whatsoever sins we have committed until this present hour, in word, in deed, or in thought; for if thou wilt regard transgression, O Lord, Lord, who shall stand? For with thee is deliverance. For thou art holy, a helper, and the strong defender of our life, and our song shall always be of thee.

For Blessed and glorified is the might of thy kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Eighth Prayer

O Lord our God, who hast banished from us the slothfulness of sleep and hast summoned us by a holy bidding, that also in the night we may lift up our hands and confess unto thee the judgments of thy righteousness, accept our prayers, supplications, confessions, and nocturnal worship, and grant us, O God, faith unashamed, firm hope, and love without hypocrisy. Bless our goings out and our comings in, our deeds, works, words, and thoughts. And grant us to reach the beginning of the day praising, singing, and blessing the ineffable beneficence of thy goodness.

For blessed is Thine all-holy name, and glorified is thy kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Ninth Prayer

Make shine in our hearts, O Master who lovest man, the incorrupt light of thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the comprehension of the preaching of thy Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of thy blessed commandments that, trampling down all carnal desires , we may pursue a spiritual way of life, both considering and doing all things well-pleasing unto thee.

For thou art the sanctification and the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, and unto thee do we send up glory, together with thy Father, who is without beginning, and Thine all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tenth Prayer

O Lord our God, who hast granted forgiveness unto men through repentance, and hast shown, as an example unto us of the knowledge of sins and confession, the repentance of the Prophet David unto pardon, do thou thyself, O Master, in the manifold and great offenses into which we have fallen, have mercy according to thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of thy compassions, b lot out our transgressions; for against thee have we sinned, O Lord, who knowest both the hidden and secret things of the heart of man, and alone hast authority to forgive sins; inasmuch as thou hast created a clean heart in us, and with thy guiding Spirit hast thou established us, and hast made known unto us the joy of thy salvation, cast us not away from thy face; but be graciously willing for us to offer unto thee even until our last breath a sacrifice of righteousness and an offering upon thy holy altar.

Through the mercies and compassion and love of man of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Eleventh Prayer

O God our God, who by thy will hast brought into being intelligent and rational powers, we pray thee and supplicate thee, accept the glorification which together with all thy creatures we offer according to our ability, and reward us with the rich gifts of thy goodness. For unto thee every knee doth bow, whether in heaven, on earth, or in the infernal regions, and every breath and every creature

doth sing Thine unsearchable glory. For thou alone art the true and most merciful God.

For all the powers of heaven praise thee, an d unto thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Twelfth Prayer

We praise thee, we hymn thee, we bless thee, we give thanks unto thee, O God of our fathers, that thou has t brought us through the shadows of the night and hast again shown us the light of day. But we pray of thy goodness, cleanse us from our sins and accept our prayers in thy great tenderness of heart. For we take refuge in thee, the merciful and all-powerful God. Illumine in our hearts the true Sun of thy righteousness, enlighten our minds and guard all our senses, that, as in the day, walking nobly in the way of thy commandments, we may attain unto life eternal, for with thee is the fountain of life, and that we may be vouchsafed to come to the enjoyment of Thine unapproachable light.

For thou art our God, and unto thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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